(b) on which routes the withdrawn trains were running; and

(c) the reasons for withdrawing those trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Library-cum-Bookstall on Long Distance Trains

4416. PROF. RAMDEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pantry cars are provided on trains as an essential passenger facility, despite a heavy loss being incurred by the Railways on this count;

(b) whether the Ministry of Railways had decided in the past to provide mobile library-cum-bookstall in long distance trains as an essential facility to passengers, like pantry cars, and not on commercial considerations; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not providing library-cum-bookstall facility in long distance trains operating on all the Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The pantry cars have been provided on selected mail/express trains as a measure of passenger amenity.

(b) and (c) Mobile libraries were introduced in the past in a few selected mail & express trains on experimental basis and not as an essential facility. However, this scheme has not been successful as bookstalls are available at almost all important stations.

New Trains in Orissa

4417. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the five new trains announced to be introduced for Orissa during the current year, only one new Bhubaneswar-Palasa Intercity Express train has been introduced so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in introduction of the remaining trains; and